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## VA OFPA Meetings 2014

**May 17, 2014** –Old Donation Episcopal Church Cemetery, 4449 N. Witchduck Rd, VA Beach, VA. On north Witchduck Road Rte 190, two blocks east of jct with Rte 225, Independence Blvd. Across street from Sentara Independence Hospital. Directions: Take I-64 to jct with I-264 in VA Beach; go east on Rte 190 north to Church Just beyond jct with Rte 225. Times are:

11:30 am Colonial Church Service

12:15 pm Monument and Wreath Laying

12:45 pm Reception

This will be a joint grave marking ceremony involving *several* organizations in addition to the OFPA. Our Founder to be commemorated is Capt. Adam Thorowgood. There will be six Colonial War individuals commemorated, three Revolutionary War individuals, and three 1812 soldiers commemorated as well. **This should be a spectacular event, involving the joint efforts of several groups. Please mark this on your calendars and plan to attend!**

Contact Mike Lyman for further information. 804-436-0206, [melyman@va.metrocast.net](mailto:melyman@va.metrocast.net)

**May 22-25, 2014**—OFPA General Court in Louisville, KY. Details will be/are in the fall and spring OFPA Bulletins.

**June 7, 2014**—VA OFPA summer membership meeting. This will be a joint grave marking with War of 1812 in Petersburg, VA. We will mark a Founders grave and War of 1812 patriot graves. See page 3.

**October 19, 2014**—(1)Placing of wreath on Governor Nelsons grave. (2)March in Yorktown day parade. (3) Fall Membership meeting. Additional information to follow as details are finalized.

## Notes from March 15th meeting

Deputy Governor Sheffield provided an update to the Saturday June 7, 2014 event at Petersburg, VA. It begins at 11:30 a.m. at Maria's Restaurant in Old Town Petersburg. The project is complete, on-time, and on budget! **We strongly suggest that all members attend this event which will be quite exciting.** See page 3.

OFPA members present: Shane Newcombe, Jerry Hubbard, Mike Lyman, Jake Lay, Walt Sheffield, Zander Sheffield, Ben Fegan, Wes Graves, Jim Bayne, and Doug Graves.

From SAR portion of the meeting - Past Governor Jerry Hubbard was presented the **Distinguished Chapter Service Award Certificate**, w/medal for his service to the Culpeper Minute Men SAR over the years.

Associate Jim Bayne was presented a **15 year service certificate** for his service to the Culpeper Minute Men SAR.

Registrar Doug Graves was presented with a SAR Flag certificate noting his continual display of the American Flag at his residence and at the Graves Mill Historical Park, Graves Mill, VA.



The Virginia Society of the Founders & Patriots of America (VAOFPA) recently participated in the wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the 233rd Anniversary Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan held at The Prizery and Boyd's Ferry in South Boston, Virginia on Saturday, February 22, 2014. More than twenty hereditary organizations throughout the Commonwealth, and several from as far away as Georgia and Kentucky, were present to pay tribute to the patriotic event that took place on February 14, 1781. The Crossing of the Dan has been described as a "masterful military maneuver" that would mark the beginning of the defeat of the British by the American Patriots. Pictured at the conclusion of the commemoration and mock battle of the Crossing of the

Dan and with the Virginia Society of the Founders & Patriots of America's wreath is (left to right) Saul Montes-Bradley, Past Governor of the Florida Society OFPA and current resident of Halifax County, Virginia; J. Shane Newcombe, Governor of the Virginia Society OFPA and resident of Charlotte County, Virginia; and Dr. Hugh E. Fraser, III, Associate of the Virginia Society.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014  
VA OFPA MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND  
FOUNDER GRAVE MARKING

**11:30 A.M.** VA OFPA membership meeting

**Location:** Maria's Restaurant  
21 West Old Street, Olde Towne  
Petersburg, VA 23803

Directions-Take the Washington Street Exit west from I-95. Then turn right onto Sycamore Street, turn left at the intersection of Sycamore and Old Streets. Maria's is 1/2 block from intersection.

**12:30 p.m:** Luncheon—Sicilian buffet: Porcellini, Ziti, Chicken Marsala, salade, etc. *This is a dual luncheon with War of 1812 in Virginia.*

**SPEAKER: Mrs. Nancy Gailey Heuser.** She is a Petersburg native whose third great grandfather was the last surviving member of the Petersburg Volunteers, Reuben Clements. Her talk will focus on the organization and march of the Volunteers and their pivotal role at the Battle of Fort Meigs. Petersburg is known as the "Cockade City" based on the exploits of the Volunteers which earn them the right to wear a cockade in their hats. Mrs. Heuser is a past president of the Virginia State Society United States Daughters of 1812.

**2:30 p.m.:** To Blandford Cemetery, - 319 South Crater Road, Petersburg, Virginia 23803- for a dedication of an 1812 Veteran's memorial plus a dedication of a Founders marker on the grave of Richard Yarborough. Richard Yarborough was born c1615 in Lincolnshire, England, and arrived in Virginia in 1635. He appears to have made several trips between England and Virginia. Richard and wife Francis Proctor had ten children. Richard Yarborough was one of the founders of Bristol Parish, Prince George County, Virginia. He died in 1702 at the age of 87. (Cemetery is ten minutes away and we can convoy.)

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*All reservations must be received by May 30, 2014.*

\_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the June 7, 2014 luncheon/meeting.

Guests \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (number in party) x \$30.00= Total \_\_\_\_\_

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Left—Past VA OFPA Governor Mike Lyman gave greetings at the VASSAR annual meeting on Saturday, February 15, 2014.

Below—Mike Lyman representing VA OFPA at the annual commemoration of the Leedstown Resolution on February 27th. 3rd flag from right. This is the first time the VA OFPA has been represented at this event.







Present at the VAOFPA Executive Council meeting held on March 2nd was, from left to right,: Registrar Doug Graves, Past Governors Jerry Hubbard, and Taylor Cowardin, Governor Shane Newcombe, Past Governor Mike Lyman, and Deputy Governor Walt Sheffield.

Below– Attendees at the joint VA OFPA and CMM SAR meeting in Culpeper on Saturday, March 15th.. Sitting, left to right-Mike Lyman, Jim Bayne, Shane Newcombe, Ben Fegan, Mary Ann Cowherd, Betsy Lay, Jake Lay. Left to right standing-Shirley Hubbard, Kathryn Jennings, Zander Sheffield, Raymond Mills, Jr., Walt Sheffield, Don Jennings, Jerry Hubbard, Doug Graves, Wes Graves, VI., Glenna Graves, Pat Fegan, Len Cowherd, Cat Schwetke, Bill Schwetke, Ron Messick, Lon Lacey.





Jerry Hubbard, Mike Lyman and Doug Graves represented VA OFPA at the Commemoration of the 263rd anniversary of the Birth of President James Madison on Sunday, March 16, 2014. A wreath was laid.

Additional note from the meeting **"New Business:** Gov Newcombe had the distinct honor of presenting the highly distinguished and coveted Virginia Society---**CAVALIER AWARD**. This distinguished award has been presented, **only twice** before (to Thatcher Wood, and Volney Rattan). The award is the highest award presented by the Virginia Society and it is reserved for those members that display continual and exemplary service, to the Virginia Society, above and beyond the call of duty. The award was presented not to just one individual but to two individuals! The selection committee (Gov. Newcombe and past Gov. Cowardin) were unable to decide upon and/or select just one individual--in that the society has two very committed and exceptional individuals, each clearly deserving of the Cavalier Award (an engraved silver plate from Cowardin's Jewelers Richmond VA). The individuals chosen for this award were **Jerry Hubbard and Mike Lyman**. The Virginia Society is extremely fortunate to have these two highly esteemed individuals. Our wholehearted thanks go out to both of these gentlemen for their tireless efforts in making the Virginia Society, the most distinguished Society within the OFPA Order!"

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Photos provided by CMM SAR President Bill Schwetke.







Past Governor Taylor Cowardin and Deputy Governor Walt Sheffield represented VA OFPA at the March 22, 2014 dedication of the memorial to Opechancanough's Attack of 22 Mar 1622. The plaque in part reads: "This monument is erected in memory of the English settlers who died in the 1622 indian attack that was organized by Chief Opechancanough. On March 22, 1622, the Powhatan chiefdom launched a coordinated offensive against the English settlements along the James River. Sixty-six men, women and children were killed within the Henrico settlements including five dead at Henricus. Over one quarter of the English population of Virginia died in the attack."



# Ancestor Memorials

**Associate**-Jack K. Westbrook  
**Founder**-Robert King  
**Patriot**-John King

**Associate**-James M. Bayne  
**Founder**-William Hatcher  
**Patriot**-Edward Hatcher

**Associate**-A. Brian Cowardin  
**Founder**-Peter Cowardine  
**Patriot**-John Cowardine

**Associate**-L. Taylor Cowardin  
**Founder**-Peter Cowardine  
**Patriot**-John Cowardine

**Associate**-Asa Wesley Graves, VI  
**Founder**-Thomas Graves  
**Patriot**-Thomas Graves

**Associate**-Douglas M. Graves  
**Founder**-Thomas Graves  
**Patriot**-John Graves  
**Patriot**-Thomas Graves

**Associate**-Samuel P. Adams, III  
**Founder**-Henry Adams  
**Patriot**-Lt Samuel Adams, Sr.

**Associate**-Michael T. Halterman  
**Founder**-Christopher Wadsworth  
**Patriot**-Joseph Wadsworth

**Associate**-Liam Jackson Hubbard  
**Founder**-George Hubbard  
**Patriot**-Peter Hubbard

**Associate**-Roger P. Jones  
**Founder**-Rev. Richard Jones  
**Patriot**-Peter Jones

**Associate**-George W.B. Elder  
**Founder**-Robert Abernathy  
**Patriot**-John Abernathy

**Associate**-Myron "Mike" E. Lyman  
**Founder**-Richard Lyman  
**Patriot**-Ozias Lyman

**Associate**-Jei Brendon L. Benz  
**Founder**-George Hubbard  
**Patriot**-Peter Hubbard

**Associate**-Eugene A. Walker  
**Founder**-Capt. Samuel Walker  
**Patriot**-Sgt. Timothy Walker

**Associate**-Cranston Williams, Jr.  
**Founder**-Ambrose Cobbs  
**Founder**-Robert Cobbs  
**Patriot**-Capt. Robert Lewis Cobbs

**Associate**-Lewis Turner Cowardin, II  
**Founder**-Peter Cowardine  
**Patriot**-John Cowardine

**Associate**-Zachary N. Hall  
**Founder**-Thomas Graves  
**Patriot**-John Graves  
**Patriot**-Thomas Graves

**Associate**-David Warren Lyman  
**Founder**-Richard Lyman  
**Patriot**-Ozias Lyman

**Associate**-Christopher L. Hubbard  
**Founder**-George Hubbard  
**Patriot**-Peter Hubbard

**Associate**-Donnel J. Hubbard  
**Founder**-George Hubbard  
**Patriot**-Peter Hubbard

**Associate**-Walter Jervis Sheffield  
**Founder**-Col. Robert Wynne, II  
**Patriot**-John Winn and son Peter Winn

**Associate**-Charles B. Fegan  
**Founder**-Robert Moulton & son Robert Moulton  
**Patriot**-Freeborn Moulton & son Elijah Moulton

**Associate**-Brian A. Lyman  
**Founder**-Richard Lyman  
**Patriot**-Ozias Lyman

**Associate**-Robert S. Marks  
**Founder**-Robert Abernathy  
**Patriot**-John Abernathy

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**Associate**-Asa Wesley Graves, VII

**Founder**-Thomas Graves

**Patriot**-Thomas Graves

**Associate**-James Lewis Wheeler

**Founder**-George Wheeler and son William

**Patriot**-Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr.

**Associate**-Kevin L. Lyman

**Founder**-Richard Lyman

**Patriot**-Ozias Lyman

**Associate**-Robert W. Robins

**Founder**-Robert Chandler

**Patriot**-Robert Chandler

**Associate**-Walter A. Sheffield

**Founder**-Col. Robert Wynne, II

**Patriot**-John Winn, Sr. & son Peter Winn

**Associate**-William C. Schrader, III

**Founder**-Leonard Calvert

**Patriot**-George Calvert

**Associate**-Robert B. Kendall

**Founder**-Francis Kendall

**Patriot**-Josiah Kendall

**Associate**-Hugh E. Frasier

**Founder**-John Barker

**Patriot**-Henry Barker, Jr.

## Please Remember

VA OFPA has several wreaths, a parade banner and an OFPA flag which can be used by any VA OFPA Associate at an event. It is a good way to let people know you are an OFPA member. The VA OFPA has two magnetic signs that can be put on cars if you are in a parade that allows cars. Contact Bob and Vicki Kendall. (email next column)

If you participate in an activity where you are identified as an OFPA Associate, please let the Governor know. Save a copy of the program. If you write an article, save a copy and send to Governor Newcombe to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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